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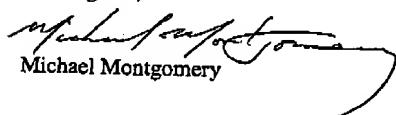
Examiner, Victor X. Nguyen
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: US Application No. 09/975,873
Filing Date: October 12, 2001
Our Reference: CRD0959
"Handle Deployment Mechanism For Medical Device And Method"

Dear Examiner,

Following is an amendment responding to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003.
I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,


Michael Montgomery

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

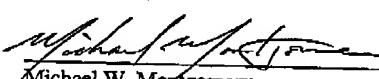
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